

USDA FAC-P/PM TRAINING PROGRAM

FAC-P/PM Certification Levels

The FAC-P/PM certification levels are described below.

- Level 1 (Entry-Level): Training and experience facilitating knowledge, comprehension and participatory skills in basic acquisition and project management.
- Level 2 (Mid-Level): Training and experience that encompasses the ability to manage and evaluate the integration of requirements development such as budgeting, governance processes, and applying comprehensive risk management planning that demonstrates and accounts for complex and intermediate projects and programs.
- Level 3 (Senior-Level): Training and experience involving analysis, developing and managing a program budget, synthesizing and evaluating functional groups and IPT efforts and products, collaboration and high-level communication, managing and evaluating acquisition investment performance in advanced acquisition and program management.

For more information on FAC-P/PM certification levels, click on <https://www.fai.gov/drupal/certification/FAC-ppm-certification-requirements>.

FAC-P/PM COURSES

The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) is partnering with ESI International to sponsor Level 1 (Entry-Level), Level 2 (Mid-Level), and Level 3 (Senior-Level) courses. Both classroom and virtual courses are available to USDA employees.

Intended Audience

Employees who manage a major and/or non-major investment should be certified at the appropriate level or anyone who wants to enter into the IT and/or non-IT acquisition program/project management career field should obtain certification at the appropriate level.

Course Dates

Here are the remaining FY 2016 classroom and virtual course titles, dates and costs. All classroom courses will be held in Arlington, VA.

Classroom Courses

Course Title	Dates	Cost (per student)
FPM 311: Program Management for the Federal Government	May 3-5, 2016	\$715
FPM 312: Advanced Acquisition for Federal Government Project Managers	May 31, June 1 and 2, 2016	\$715
FPM 313: Advanced Earned Value for Federal Government Project Managers	June 28-30, 2016	\$715
FPM 314: Leading Federal Government Project Managers	July 20-21, 2016	\$570

Virtual Training (using Adobe Connect Platform)

Course Title	Dates	Cost
FPM 211: Applied Project Management for the Federal Government	May 17-19, 2016	\$665
FPM 212: Applied Acquisition for Federal Government Project Managers	June 14-16, 2016	\$665
FPM 213: Applied Acquisition for Federal Government Project Managers	July 26-28, 2016	\$665
FPM 214: Leading Federal Government Projects II	August 23-24, 2016	\$665
FPM 311: Program Management for the Federal Government	June 7-9, 2016	\$665
FPM 311: Program Management for the Federal Government	June 21-23, 2016	\$665
FPM 312: Advanced Acquisition for Federal Government Project Managers	July 12-14, 2016	\$665
FPM 312: Advanced Acquisition for Federal Government Project Managers	July 19-21, 2016	\$665
FPM 313: Advanced Earned Value for Federal Government	August 2-4, 2016	\$665

Project Managers		
FPM 313: Advanced Earned Value for Federal Government Project Managers	August 16-18, 2016	\$665
FPM 314: Leading Federal Government Project Managers	August 31 – September 1 2016	\$520
FPM 314: Leading Federal Government Project Managers	September 13-14, 2016	\$520

How to Register (PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION)

- ***You must complete an SF-182 to attend.*** SF-182s must be submitted only to Jennifer Chapman at jennifer.chapman@strategyex.com.
- You must be registered in AgLearn before submitting an SF-182. *You will not be able to take the course without taking this step first.*
- There is a COST to each of these courses (see the list for the cost of each course)
- Two types of courses are offered: virtual and classroom (see the list for dates and times)
- You may mix classroom and virtual (e.g., you can attend 2 classroom courses and 2 virtual courses)
- Maximum 30 students per class; must have a minimum of 15 students to hold class
- It is preferred that students register for an entire series (e.g., four, Level 1 courses)

Visit the [FAC-P/PM Connect](#) page with inquiries and for more information. To join this community, please contact Karen Simpson at karen.simpson@ocio.usda.gov for membership.

Applying for Certification

Individuals interested in applying for certification must apply through the Federal Acquisition Institute Training Application System (FAITAS). [Click here to access FAITAS](#). You must register for an account to access the system.

For questions on FAC-P/PM certification, contact your agency Bureau Career Manager (BCM). Your agency BCM is listed below:

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Farm Service Agency (FSA) - Commodity	Christine Gouger	(816)926-3379	Christine.Gouger@one.usda.gov
Farm Service Agency (FSA) - Non Commodity **	Ernest Williams	(202) 690-5392	Ernest.Williams@wdc.usda.gov
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*REE includes ARS, NIFA, ERS, and NASS			
** Also Risk Management Agency and Foreign Agricultural Service			